



Request for City Council Committee Action From the Department of Public Works

Date: March 28, 2002

To: Transportation and Public Works Committee

Referral to: Ways and Means Committee

Subject: NRP Contract between Public Works and the MCDA, on behalf of the Linden Hills Neighborhood Council (LHNC), to Fund the Construction of the West 44th Street/P.A.T.H. Project.

Recommendation:

1. Authorize staff to execute a NRP contract with the Minneapolis Community Development Agency, on behalf of LHNC, for the West 44th Street/P.A.T.H. project for **an amount not to exceed of \$340,800**.
2. Direct appropriate staff to accept funds and amend the 2002 Capital Improvement Appropriation Resolution No. 2001R-507, increasing funding appropriation to Paving Construction Fund 4100-937-9372 for **an amount not to exceed of \$340,800** and increasing revenue source 3845 (4100-937-9372) by said amount.

Previous Directives: Resolutions 1999R-079 and as amended by 2001R-068 for development of design and construction documents for the W. 44th Street / P.A.T.H. Project.

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Financial Impact (Check those that apply)

☐ No financial impact - or - Action is within current department budget.
(If checked, go directly to Background/Supporting Information)

☒ Action requires an appropriation increase to the Capital Budget

☐ Action requires an appropriation increase to the Operating Budget

☒ Action provides increased revenue for appropriation increase

☐ Action requires use of contingency or reserves

☐ Other financial impact (Explain):

☐ Request provided to the Budget Office when provided to the Committee Coordinator

Background/Supporting Information Attached

T&PW & W&M/Budget - Your Committee recommends the following:

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Background

In 1998, the Linden Hills Neighborhood Council (LHNC), as part of its Neighborhood Revitalization Program (NRP) Phase I plan, began development of an alternative pedestrian path from the western City limits to Lake Harriet. LHNC identified the West 44th Street Corridor and the abandoned streetcar right-of-way (City owned property located between Xerxes & Zenith Avenues S. and north of West 44th Street) as the desired path alignment. On behalf of LHNC, City staff contracted with consultants to develop the project scope of work and design. The resulting project became known as West 44th St/P.A.T.H. (Pedestrian Alternative To Harriet) Project.

The project's scope work includes the increasing of green space (by the removal of bituminous boulevards, increasing of boulevard widths and introduction of intersection bump outs), pedestrian level street lighting and a concrete pathway within the old streetcar right-of-way. The project construction limits are Sunnyside Avenue to Zenith Avenue S. along West 44th Street and from Zenith Avenue S. to Xerxes Avenue S. along the old streetcar right-of-way. The project includes landscaping, however LHNC has opted to complete this work themselves.

With bidding documents completed, LHNC has requested the department's assistance in advertising for bids, contract award and construction management. For this to occur, the department will need to enter into a NRP contract with MCDA to secure the necessary funding. The 2002 Capital Improvement Appropriation Resolution will also require amending so that the funds may be accepted and an appropriation increase made to allow for the funds expenditure on behalf of the project. The current project construction estimate is \$282,800. Construction administration (7%), contingency (10%) and general fund overhead (3.5%) brings the total project budget required to \$340,800. The current schedule is for the contract to be awarded this April, construction to begin in May and the work completed in August.

